

Amendments to the Claims:

1.(Currently Amended) A knitted fabric consisting essentially of:

a first, solution dyed component ~~with substantial stretch properties~~ having a percent elongation at break of greater than 100%, wherein the first component is formed into a loop; and

a second component with substantially lower stretch properties than those of the first component, wherein the second component is formed into a second loop; wherein the components are dyed prior to fabric formation for providing a knitted fabric having color-uniformity in both stretched and relaxed states, and wherein the fabric does not include a laid-in yarn.

2.(Previously Presented) The knitted fabric according to claim 1, wherein at least one of the components is solution dyed.

3.(Previously Presented) The knitted fabric according to claim 1, wherein both of the components are solution dyed.

4.(Previously Presented) The knitted fabric according to claim 1, wherein the fabric is a warp-knitted fabric.

5.(Previously Presented) The knitted fabric according to claim 1, wherein the fabric is a weft-knitted fabric.

6.(Previously Presented) The knitted fabric according to claim 1, wherein the components are dyed separately.

7.(Previously Presented) The knitted fabric according to claim 1, wherein the second component is synthetic.

8.(Previously Presented) The knitted fabric according to claim 7, wherein the second component is polyester.

9.(**Currently Amended**) The knitted fabric according to claim 1, wherein the components comprise solution dyed thermal heat settable synthetic continuous filament yarns selected from a group consisting of Polyamide (Nylon), Polyester, Olefin (Polypropylene), Spandex, ~~and the like;~~ and combinations thereof.

10.(Previously Presented) The knitted fabric according to claim 1, wherein the fabric includes additives to provide performance properties including anti-bacterial, hydrophylic, hydrophobic, resistance to chlorine, quick drying, and combinations thereof.

11.(**Currently Amended**) A stretch fabric comprising:

a first, solution dyed elastomeric component having a percent elongation at break of greater than 100% and forming a first loop, and

a second substantially non-elastomeric component forming a second loop, wherein the stretch fabric is a fabric formed by interconnecting the first component and the second components; and wherein the first component and second component are solution-dyed prior to fabric formation, and wherein the fabric does not include a weft inserted yarn, thereby providing a stretch fabric having color-uniformity in both stretched and relaxed states.

12.(Previously Cancelled)

13.(**Currently Amended**) The stretch fabric according to claim 11, wherein the components comprise solution dyed thermal heat settable synthetic continuous filament yarns selected from a group consisting of Polyamide (Nylon), Polyester, Olefin (Polypropylene), Spandex, ~~and the like;~~ and combinations thereof.

14.(**Currently Amended**) A method of making and processing a stretch fabric comprising the steps of:

providing a first yarn component and a second yarn component for inclusion in a fabric;
dyeing the yarn components separately; and

fabricating a fabric from the yarn components, the first component having substantial stretch properties and the second component having substantially lower stretch properties than those of the first component, thereby providing a stretch fabric having color-uniformity in both stretched and relaxed states, wherein the fabricating does not include inserting a weft yarn; and

processing the stretch fabric having color-uniformity in both stretched and relaxed states into a garment.

15.(Previously Presented) The method according to claim 14, wherein the step of fabricating the fabric includes manufacturing by knitting, weaving, non-woven or other fabric manufacturing process.

16.(Original) The method according to claim 14, further including the steps of scouring the fabric and/or treating the fabric.

17.(Original) The method according to claim 16, wherein the step of treating the fabric includes applying a finish for enhanced fabric performance.

18.(Original) The method according to claim 17, wherein the finish includes anti-microbial, stain resistant, water resistant, water repellent, wicking agents and/or treatments, and combinations thereof.

19.(Cancelled)